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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

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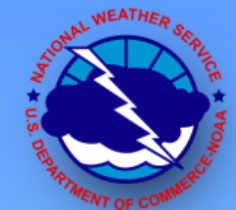
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Key Points



Today

- Heavy Rain and Flash Flooding for N NM
- Afternoon heat index values over 100 degrees for most of the eastern half of the Region

Thursday - Sunday

- Locally heavy rain could produce Flash Flooding in NM
- Front works through Region through end of week
 - Slightly Cooler Temperatures






Tropical Outlook

- Tropical formation is not expected in the next 5 days

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jul 29, 2015 - Aug 2, 2015

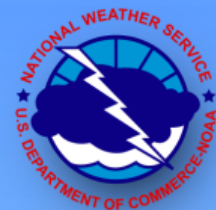
DAY/ THREAT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Severe Weather	NE AR SE LA	LA			
Heavy Rain /Flash Flooding	N NM	→			
Heat	Eastern Half of the Region	→			
Tropical					

	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

We continue to welcome feedback on our new color scale (details in the next slide). Please send comments to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov.



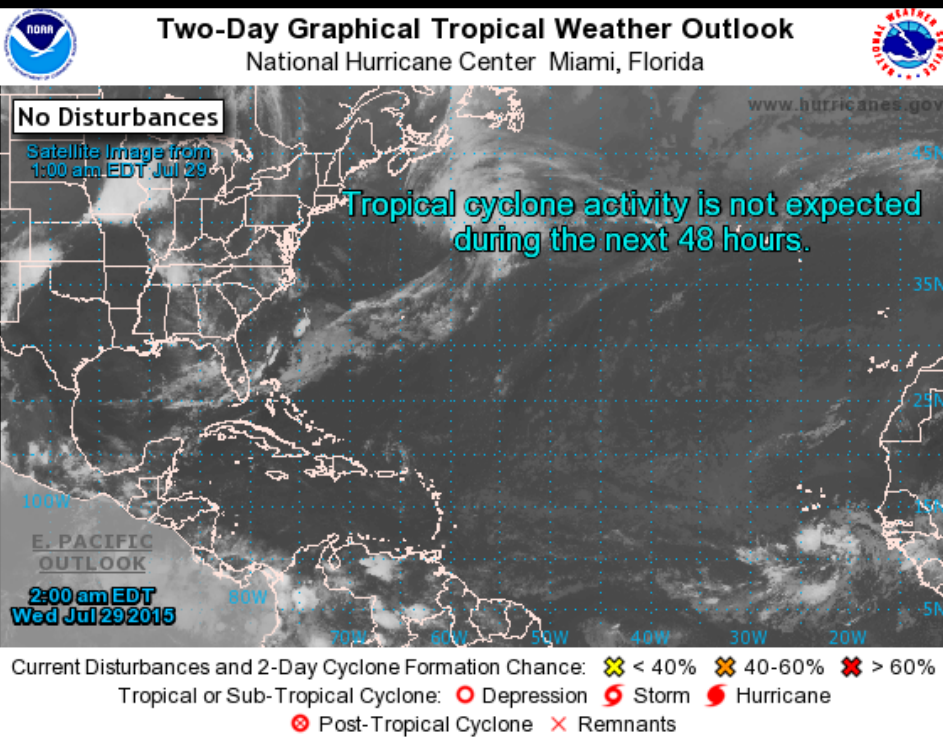
We are experimenting with a new color scale in these briefings, starting on April 13th. The criteria is below, please provide your feedback to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov and we plan to re-evaluate in the coming months.



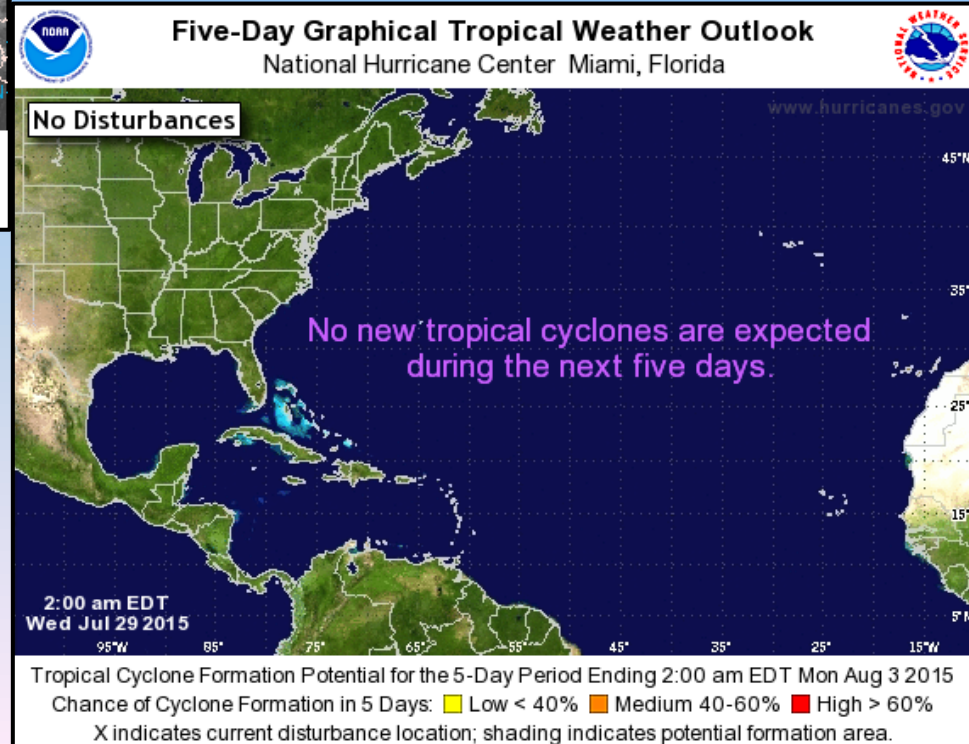
Weather "Threat" Matrix

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common – Happens Often Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically results in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

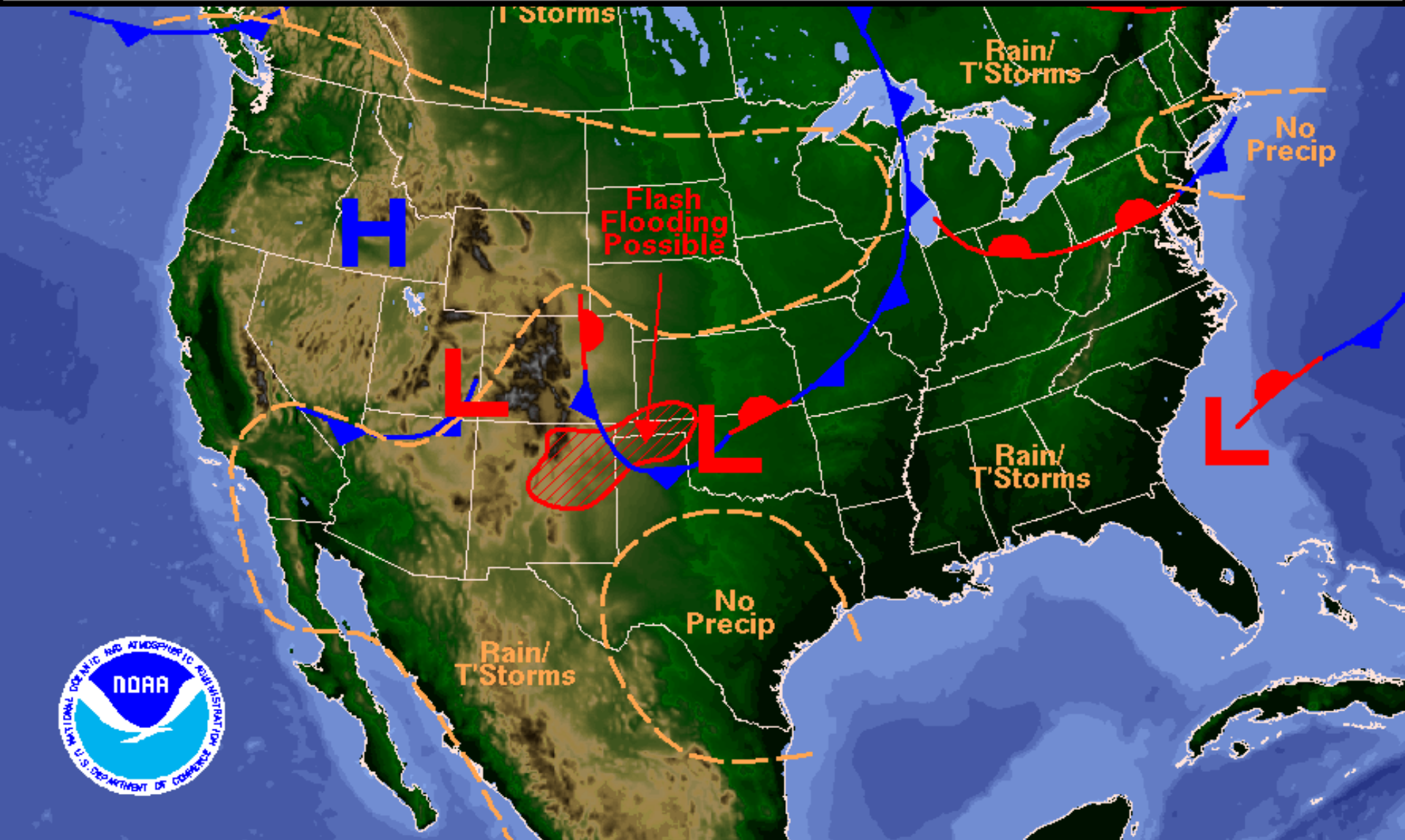
Atlantic/Gulf Tropical Weather Outlook



Tropical cyclone formation is not expected the next 5 days



Today's Weather



Weather Forecast for Wed, Jul 29, 2015, issued 4:43 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Day 1 Weather Hazards

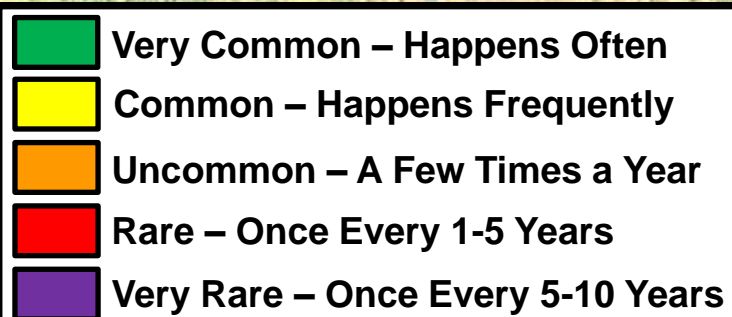
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**Heavy Rain &
Flash Flooding**

**Heat index values
over 105 degrees**

**Marginal
Risk of
Severe
TStorms**



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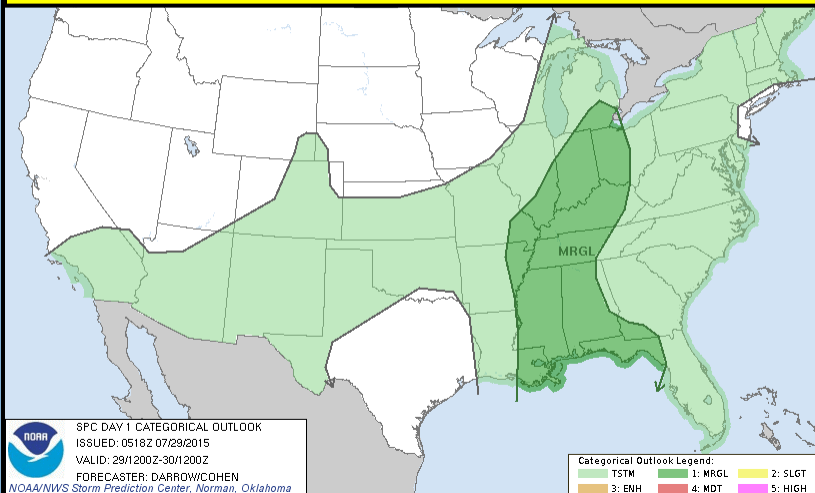


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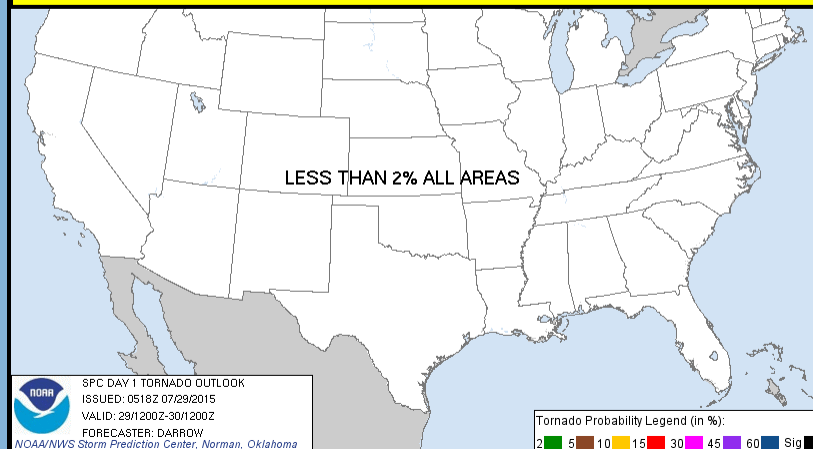
Severe Thunderstorm Potential



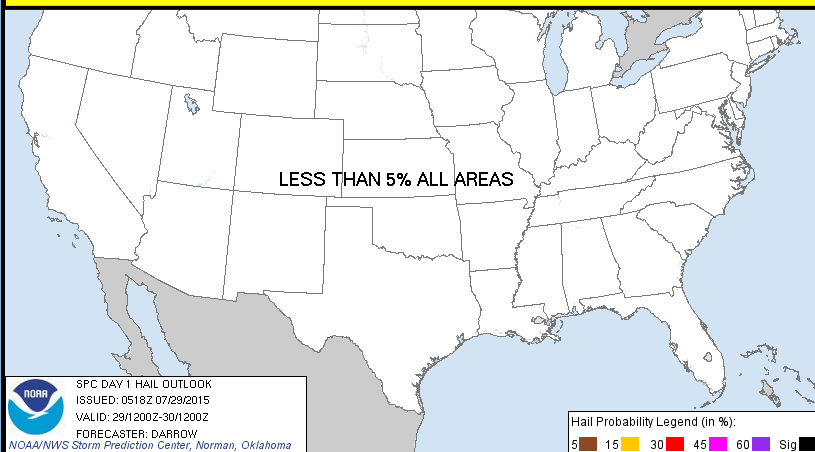
Overall Threat Potential



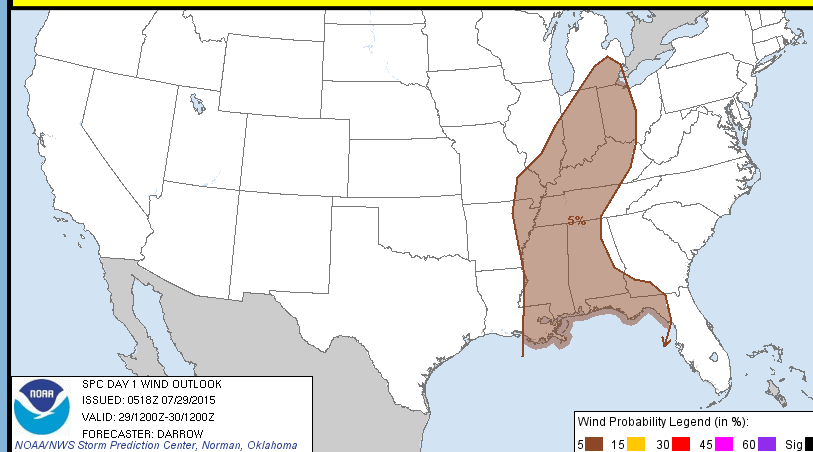
Probability of Tornado within 25 miles of a point



Probability of Damaging Hail within 25 miles of a point



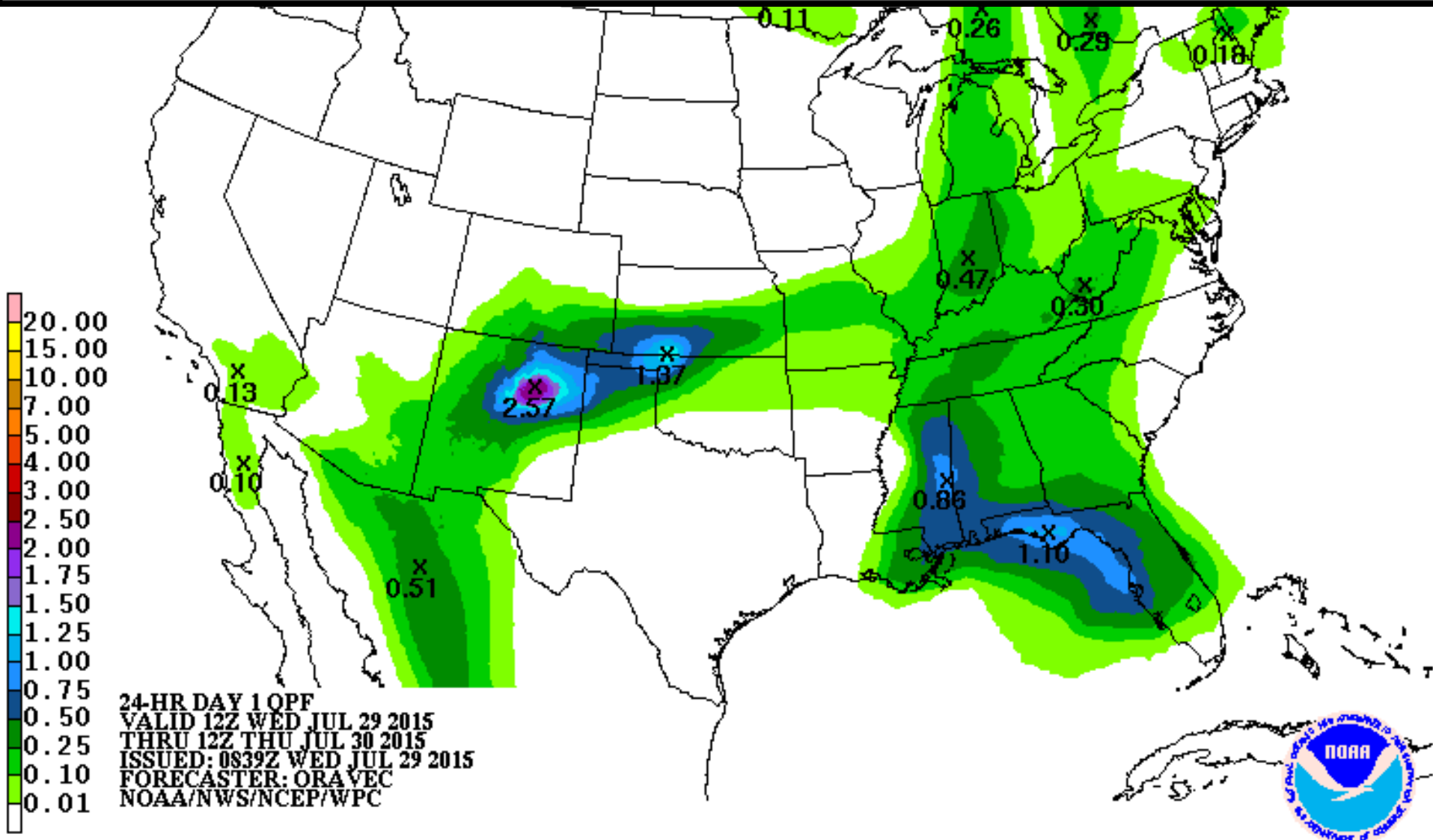
Probability of Damaging Winds within 25 miles of a point



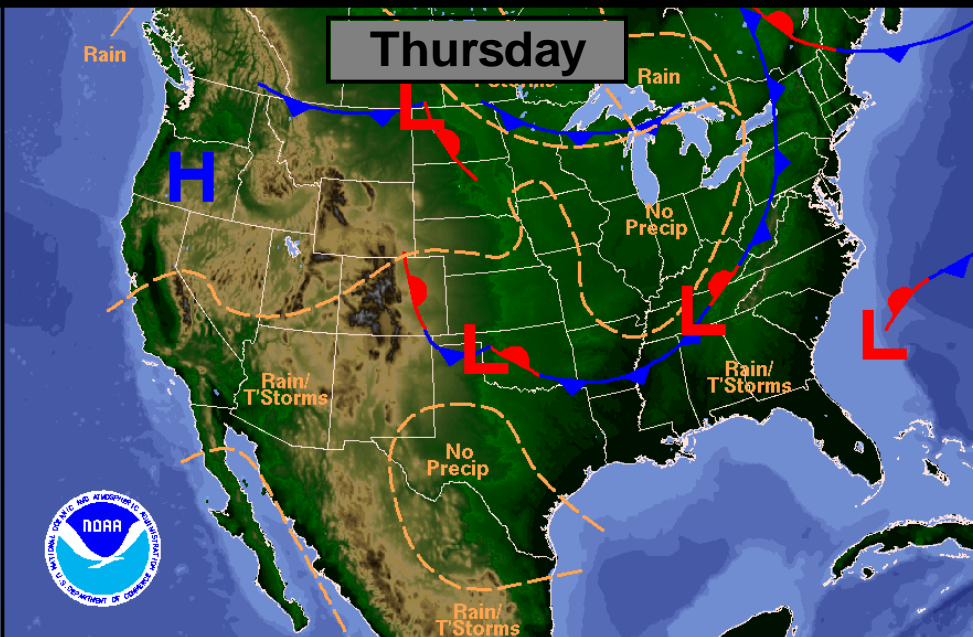
Building a Weather-Ready Nation

Today's Precipitation

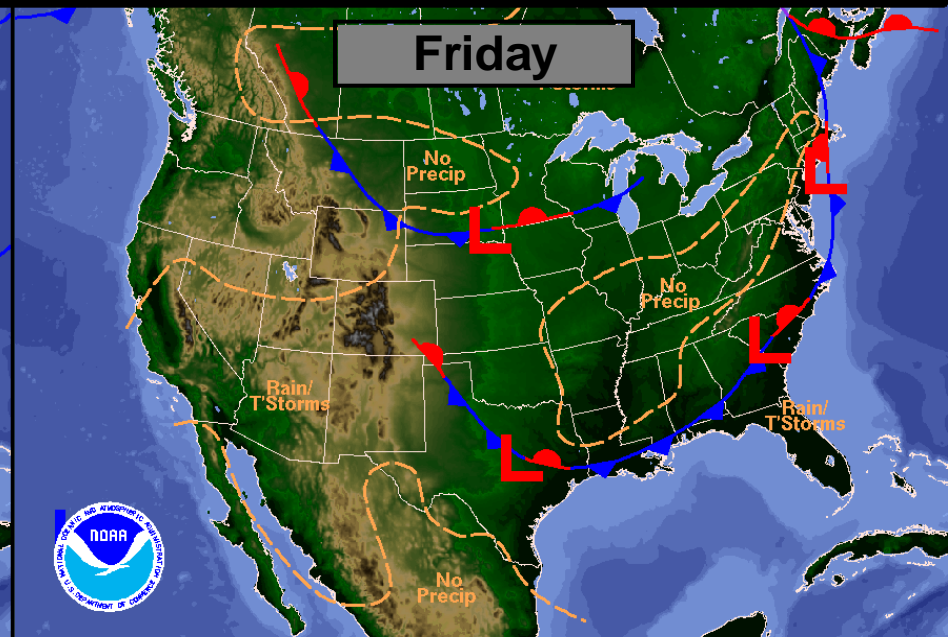
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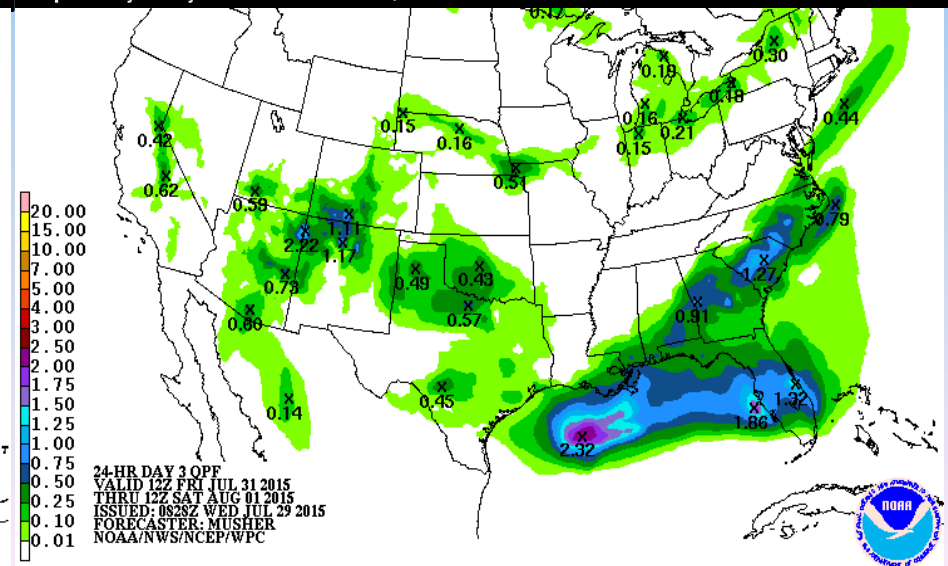
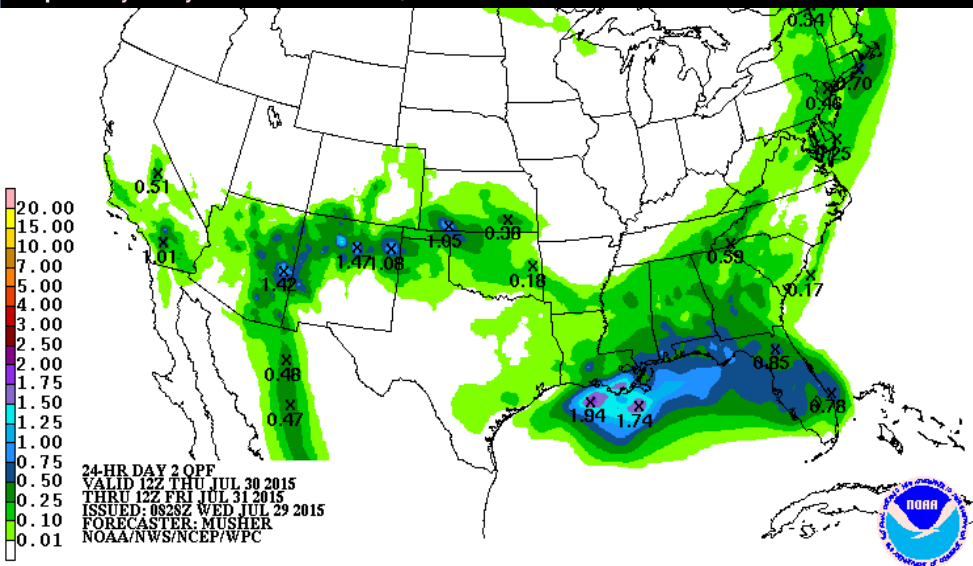
Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jul 30, 2015, issued 4:50 AM EDT Wed, Jul 29, 2015
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
 Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



Weather Forecast for Fri, Jul 31, 2015, issued 4:57 AM EDT Wed, Jul 29, 2015
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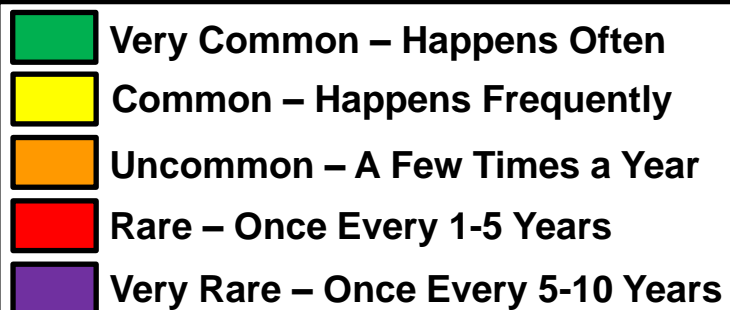
Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Thu - 0800 Sat



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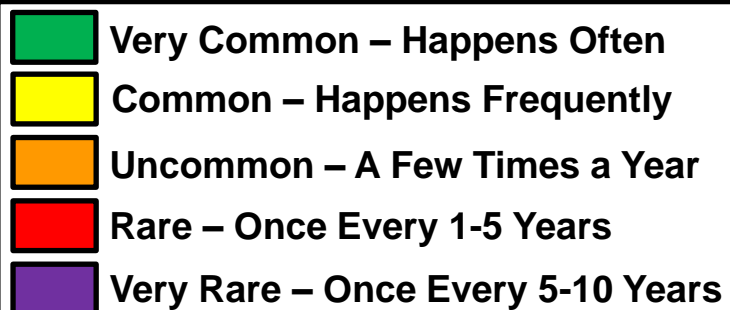
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Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sat - 0800 Mon



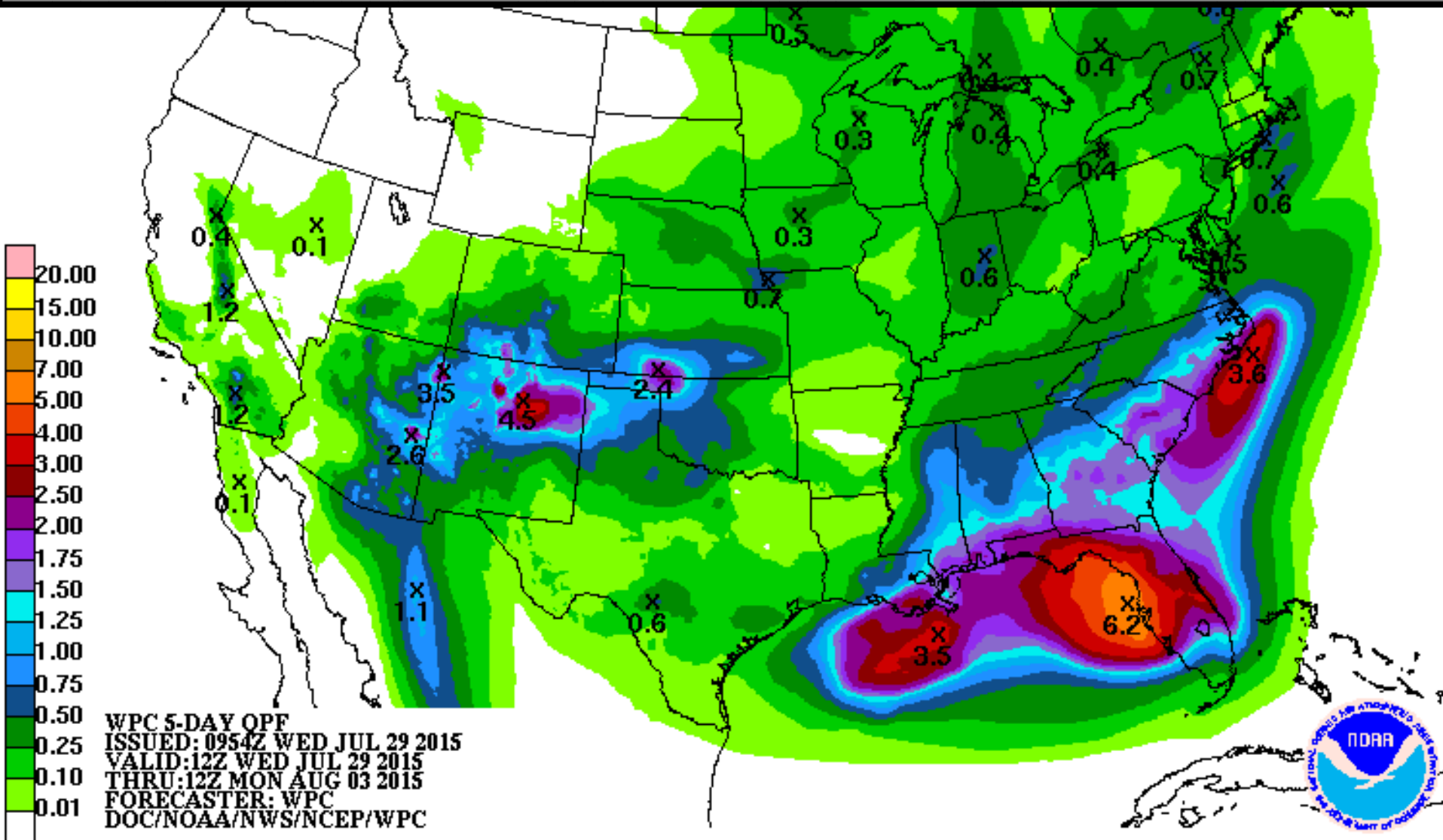
No Significant
Weather Expected



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5-Day Precipitation

Wed AM - Mon AM

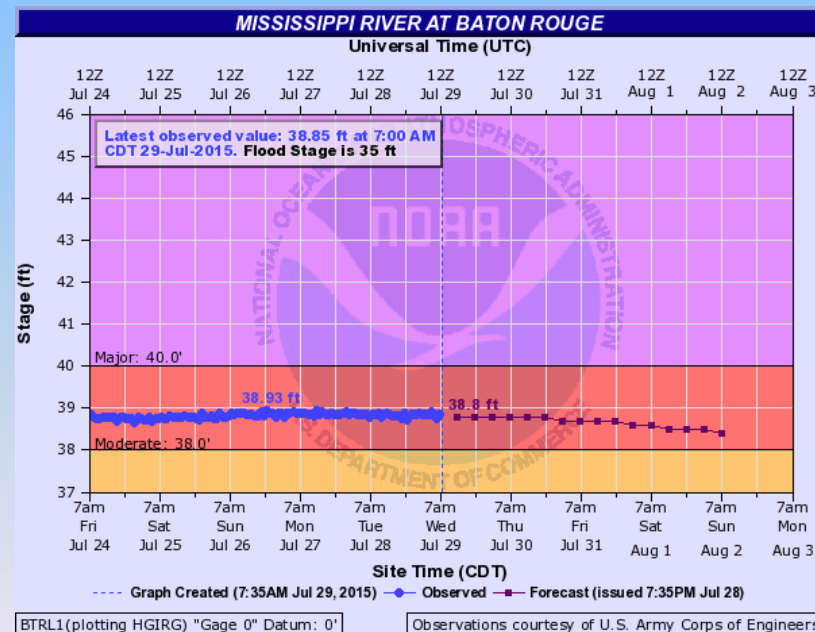


Mississippi River Flood Status

The Lower MS River is generally expected to remain in Minor Flood Stage, with a few points in Moderate Flood Stage.

River Status		
	Observed	Forecast
No Flooding		
Near Flood Stage		
Minor Flooding		
Moderate Flooding		
Major Flooding		

Possible impacts in/around Baton Rouge:
River traffic and industrial activity on the river side of the levees will be affected. Navigational safety regulations will be strictly enforced.

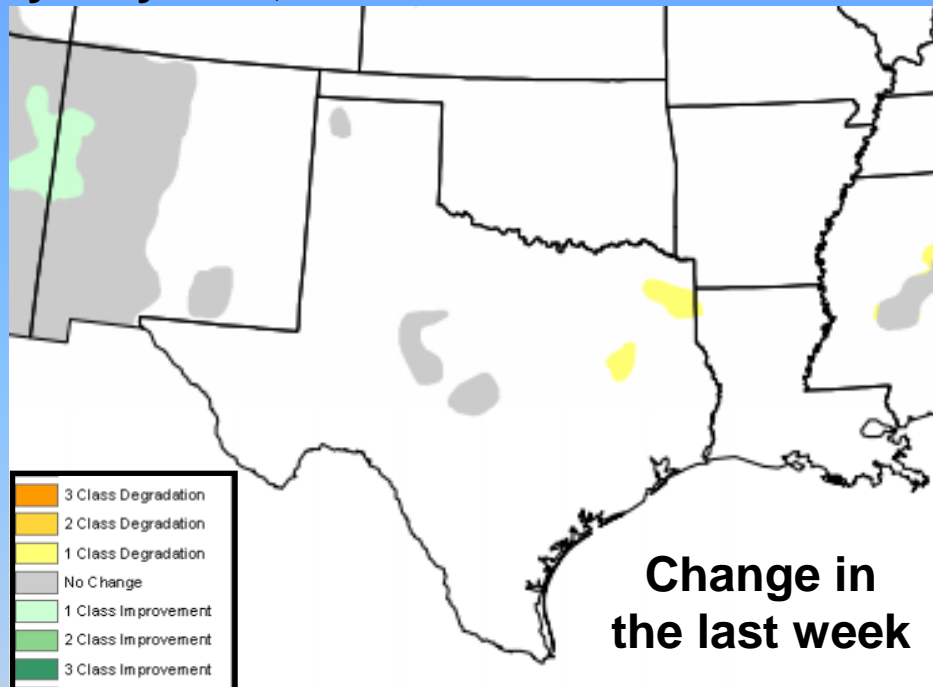
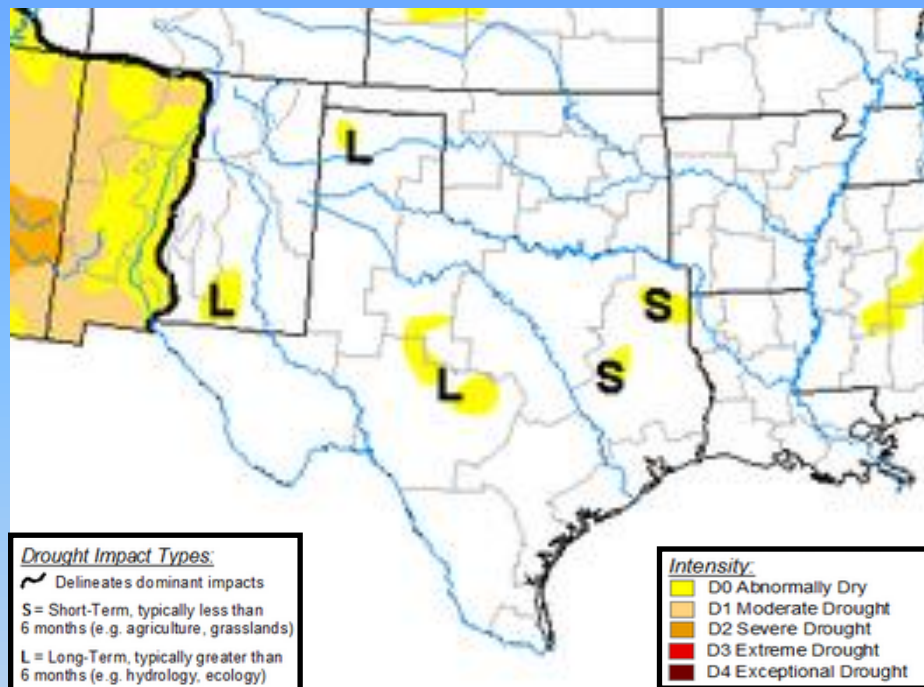


For latest river stages/forecasts, go to <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/rfcexp/main.php?fs=1>



Drought Monitor Released July 23rd, 2015

Data valid as of Tuesday July 21st, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	37.13%	23.55%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	9.35%	14.98%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	34.10%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

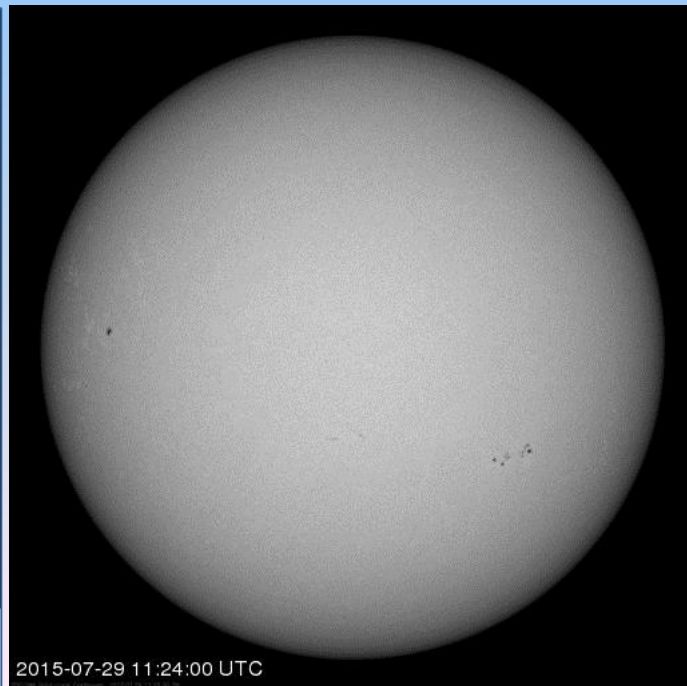
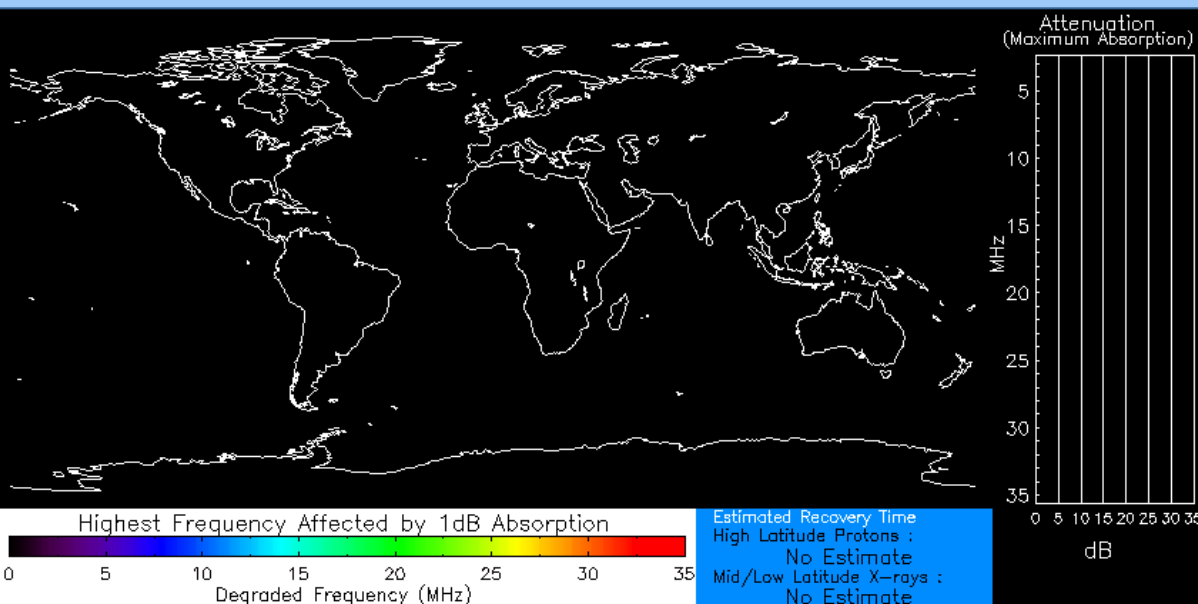
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)



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